



March 18, 2004

BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Investigation Pursuant to G.L. c. 164 §§ 1A(a), 1B(d), 94 and
220 C.M.R. § 11.04 into Costs that Should be Included in
Default Service Rates; D.T.E. 03-88D

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Pursuant to the ruling of the Hearing Officer during the procedural hearing on March 11, 2004 in the above referenced docket, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Unitil") submits its objection to the petitions to intervene of Direct Energy/Centrica North America ("Centrica") and Dominion Retail, Inc. ("Dominion") for full intervenor status. Unitil adopts and incorporates by reference herein with respect to the petitions of Centrica and Dominion the arguments and objections it raised during the March 11 hearing with respect to the interventions of Select Energy, Inc. ("Select") and Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. ("Constellation"): that the commercial interests these petitions raise do not qualify for full party intervention; and that the scope of this proceeding is quite narrow, and the petitioners have identified as interests that may be substantially and specifically affected by these proceedings matters which have previously been decided by the Department.

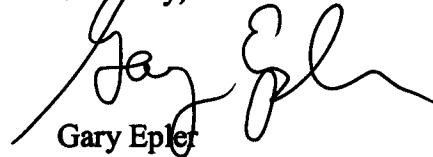
Unitil has no objections to allowing Centrica and Dominion (or, as previously stated, Select and Constellation) to intervene as limited participants, with the right to: 1) receive copies of all filings, pleadings and submissions; 2) attend all conferences and hearings; and 3) file briefs on the issues investigated in this case.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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